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Press Release

Police Department

Passing of Officer Steve Kroesen

The Torrance Police Department is saddened to announce the loss of one of its members. Officer Steve Kroesen lost his 3 year battle with cancer and passed away Tuesday morning, August 18, 2009. With the passing of Steve, the Department lost a true warrior. Steve was a man of passion, commitment and, above all, courage. Steve spent the last 6 years as a member of the Torrance Police Department family and had been an Officer with the Long Beach Police Department prior. Steve taught us about life, relationships, and police work. He showed all of us what really matters in life by the way he lived. His lasting gift to us is that we can now apply what we gained from him in both our personal and professional lives.

Steve was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma in March of 2007 and underwent an intensive chemo therapy treatment. The doctors believed that the treatments were successful and that the cancer was gone. Steve returned to work in September 2007 but several months later found out that the cancer had returned. In March of 2008 Steve received another round of chemotherapy and had a stem cell transplant in June of 2008. That stem cell transplant was not successful and the members of the Torrance Police Department held a stem cell drive for Steve in November of 2008. A match was found and Steve underwent another stem cell transplant. That transplant was initially successful but Steve was readmitted to the hospital in late July with complications. Steve passed away on Tuesday August 18, 2009 with his family at his side.

Steve is survived by his wife, Jennifer; mother, Judy; brother Scott and sister in law, Sylvia; brother in law Marc Perline and his wife, Ana. This death is even more tragic for the family because Steve's father, Gus, passed away only days prior after battling lung cancer for a number of years.

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An account has been set up for the Kroesen family for anyone that would like to donate money to help. Donations can be made online via the Torrance Police Officers' Association website at www.tpoahome.net. Checks can also be made out to the "Steve Kroesen Memorial Fund" and sent c/o the Torrance Police Officers' Association, 22945 Arlington Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501.

Funeral Services for Steve Kroesen will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Rolling Hills Covenant Church located at 2222 Palos Verdes Drive North, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274. The Kroesen family has welcomed the public to attend.

Internment will be held immediately following and is open for family and friends.

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